

BBC Quiz Ball 1966-1972

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A quiz programme screened on BBC1 in its evening schedule, featuring a team of four representing football clubs from England and Scotland, with a guest supporter.

Series 1 to 6 were played by club teams, Series 7 & 8 by international teams

Winners

1966-67 Arsenal

1967-68 West Bromwich Albion

1968-69 no competition

1969-70 Celtic

1970-71a Celtic

1970-71b Derby County

1971-72 Dunfermline Athletic

1971-72 Scotland

1972-73 Northern Ireland

There were four routes to goal: 4 easy questions, 3 medium questions, 2 difficult questions and 1 hard question. After winning the opening kick-off question the player chose a route to goal and answered the questions. The opposing team had one chance to tackle the player going to goal by pressing a buzzer prior to the player answering their last question. If they got it right they won possession but if it was wrong the challenge was unsuccessful and a goal was scored.

Refereed by David Vine (later by Stuart Hall)

Introduced by John Witty

Questions set by James Lloyd

Directed by Peter Massey

Produced by Bill Wright

Series 1 (22 December 1966 to 23 March 1967)

First Round

Arsenal 3 (Moult 2 og, Ure) Nottingham Forest 2 (Mee 2 og) after extra time (22.12.1966)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Ian Ure, Terry Neill, guest Jimmy Young

Nottingham Forest: Johnny Carey manager, John Barnwell, Bobby McKinlay, guest Ted Moult

Fulham 4 Sunderland 0 (29.12.1966)

Fulham: Vic Buckingham manager, Johnny Haynes, George Cohen, guest Tommy Trinder

Sunderland: Ian McColl manager, Len Ashurst, Gary Moore, guest Owen Brannigan

Sheffield United 2 Motherwell 0 (5.1.1967)

Sheffield United: John Short coach, Tom Fenoughty, Frank Barlow, guest Dave Berry

Motherwell: Bob Howitt manager, Peter McCloy, Willie Hunter, guest Jameson Clark

Leicester City 2 (Lady Barnett, Kerr og) Dundee United 1 (Briggs) after extra time (12.1.1967)

Leicester City: Eddie Plumley secretary, Derek Dougan, John Sjoberg, guest Lady Isobel Barnett

Dundee United: Jerry Kerr manager, Doug Smith, James Briggs, guest Joe Brady

Southampton 5 St Mirren 4 (19.1.1967)

Southampton: Ted Bates manager, Campbell Forsyth, David McLaren, guest John Arlott

St Mirren: Alex Wright manager, Ronnie Hamilton, Dennis Connachan, guest Andy Stewart

West Bromwich Albion 3 Leeds United 4 after extra time (26.1.1967)

West Bromwich Albion: Jimmy Hagan manager, Stan Jones, Graham Lovett, guest Percy Thrower

Leeds United: Cyril Williamson secretary, Johnny Giles, Rod Belfitt, guest Brian Close

Tottenham Hotspur 5 Chelsea 3 (2.2.1967)

Tottenham Hotspur: Eddie Bailey assistant manager, Alan Mullery, Terry Venables, guest Lord Willis

Chelsea: Alan Bennett assistant secretary, Harry Medhurst trainer, Peter Bonetti, guest Sam Kydd

Dunfermline Athletic 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0 (9.2.1967)

Dunfermline Athletic: William Cunningham manager, Jim Fleming, Jim Fraser, guest Ellen McIntosh

Sheffield Wednesday: David Smith coach, Wilf Smith, Sam Ellis, guest Leonard Sachs

Second Round

Arsenal 4 Fulham 3 (16.2.1967)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Ian Ure, Terry Neill, guest Jimmy Young

Fulham: Vic Buckingham manager, Johnny Haynes, George Cohen, guest Pete Murray

Leicester City 5 (Lady Barnett 5), Sheffield United 0 (23.2.1967)

Leicester City: Eddie Plumley secretary, Derek Dougan, John Sjoberg, guest Lady Isobel Barnett

Sheffield United: John Short coach, Tom Fenoughty, Frank Barlow, guest Dave Berry

Southampton 6 (Forsyth 2, Arlott 3, Bates) Leeds United 1 (Close) (2.3.1967)

Southampton: Ted Bates manager, Campbell Forsyth, David McLaren, guest John Arlott

Leeds United: Billy Bremner, Johnny Giles, Rod Belfitt, guest Brian Close

Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Lord Willis 4) Dunfermline Athletic 5 (Jackson 3, Fraser 2) (9.3.1967)

Tottenham Hotspur: Eddie Bailey assistant manager, Alan Mullery, Terry Venables, guest Lord Willis

Dunfermline Athletic: William Cunningham manager, Jim Fleming, Jim Fraser, guest Gordon Jackson

Semi-finals

Arsenal 4 (Ure 4) Leicester City 2 (Lady Barnett, Plumley) (16.3.1967)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Ian Ure, Terry Neill, guest Jimmy Young

Leicester City: Eddie Plumley secretary, Derek Dougan, John Sjoberg, guest Lady Isobel Barnett

Dunfermline Athletic 3 (Jackson 3) Southampton 0 (23.3.1967)

Dunfermline Athletic: William Cunningham manager, Jim Fleming, Jim Fraser, guest Gordon Jackson

Southampton: Ted Bates manager, Campbell Forsyth, David McLaren, guest John Arlott

Quiz Ball Grand Final

Arsenal 7 (Neill 2, Ure 2, Young 3) Dunfermline Athletic 3 (Jackson 3) (30.3.1967)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Ian Ure, Terry Neill, guest Jimmy Young

Dunfermline Athletic: William Cunningham manager, Jim Fleming, Jim Fraser, guest Gordon Jackson.

Series 2 (20 November 1967 to 11 March 1968)

First Round

Rangers 1 (Symon) Tottenham Hotspur 3 (Robertson, Moore, C Jones) (20.11.1967)

Rangers: Scot Symon manager, John Greig, Dave Smith, guest Rikki Fulton

Tottenham Hotspur: Geoffrey Jones secretary, Cliff Jones, Jimmy Robertson, guest Brian Moore

[NB Scot Symon was sacked by Rangers after recording took place]

Coventry City 2 (Leather, Smith) Leicester City 0 (27.11.1967)

Coventry City: Alan Leather secretary, Mick Kearns, Dave Clements, guest Mike Smith

Leicester City: Eddie Plumley secretary, John Sjoberg, Graham Cross, guest Sam Leitch.

Everton 1 (Catterick), Kilmarnock 2 (Queen 2) (4.12.1967)

Everton: Harry Catterick manager, Brian Labone, Alec Wallace, guest Kenneth Cope

Kilmarnock: John Murdoch coach, Gerry Queen, Hugh Brown, guest Magnus Magnusson

Nottingham Forest 5 (Moult 5) Celtic 4 (Cairney 3, Farrell) after extra time (11.12.1967)

Nottingham Forest: Harold Alcock committee member, John Barnwell, Bobby McKinlay, guest Ted Moult

Celtic: James Farrell director, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 (Allen 2), Arsenal 3 (Mee, Ure, Young) (18.12.1967)

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Ronnie Allen manager, John Holsgrove, David Wagstaffe, guest Geoffrey Green

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Terry Neill, Ian Ure, guest Jimmy Young

West Bromwich Albion 5 (Osborne 5), Sheffield United 1 (Wheeler) (1.1.1968)

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, Doug Fraser, John Osborne, guest Jeff Smith

Sheffield United: John Short coach, Frank Barlow, Tom Fenoughty, guest Geoffrey Wheeler

Heart of Midlothian 4 (Fleming 2, Miller, Ford) Sheffield Wednesday 2 (Marshall, Barstow) (8.1.1968)

Heart of Midlothian: Donald Ford, George Miller, Alan Anderson, guest Tom Fleming

Sheffield Wednesday: John Marshall assistant manager, Gerry Young, David Ford, guest Stan Barstow

Dunfermline Athletic 1 (Fraser) Fulham 2 (Haynes 2) (15.1.1968)

Dunfermline Athletic: George Farm manager, Jim Fraser, Barrie Mitchell, guest George Elrick

Fulham: Vic Buckingham manager, Johnny Haynes, Joe Gilroy, guest Harry Carpenter

Second Round

Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Moore 2, Robertson, C Jones) Coventry City 5 (Clements, Smith 3, Leather) after extra time (22.1.1968)

Tottenham Hotspur: Geoffrey Jones secretary, Cliff Jones, Jimmy Robertson, guest Brian Moore

Coventry City: Alan Leather secretary, Mick Kearns, Dave Clements, guest Mike Smith

Kilmarnock 1 (Queen) Nottingham Forest 4 (Taylor, Moulton 3) (29.1.1968)

Kilmarnock: John Murdoch coach, Gerry Queen, Hugh Brown, guest Magnus Magnusson

Nottingham Forest: Harold Alcock committee member, Billy Taylor, Bobby McKinlay, guest Ted Moulton

Arsenal 5 (Ure 5) Heart of Midlothian 3 (Ford 3) (5.2.1968)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Terry Neill, Ian Ure, guest Jimmy Young

Heart of Midlothian: Donald Ford, George Miller, Alan Anderson, guest Tom Fleming

West Bromwich Albion 4 (Osborne 2, Smith 2) Fulham 3 (Carpenter, Gilroy 2) after extra time (19.2.1968)

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, Doug Fraser, John Osborne, guest Jeff Smith

Fulham: Noel D'Amato vice chairman, Johnny Haynes, Joe Gilroy, guest Harry Carpenter

Semi-finals

Coventry City 1 (Smith) Nottingham Forest 2 (Moulton 2) (26.2.1968)

Coventry City: Alan Leather secretary, Mick Kearns, Dave Clements, guest Mike Smith

Nottingham Forest: Harold Alcock committee member, John Barnwell, Bobby McKinlay, guest Ted Moulton

Arsenal 2 (Mee, Ure) West Bromwich Albion 4 (Osborne 4) (4.3.1968)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Terry Neill, Ian Ure, guest John Whitty

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, Doug Fraser, John Osborne, guest Jeff Smith

Quiz Ball Grand Final

Nottingham Forest 1 (Moulton) West Bromwich Albion 2 (Smith, Osborne) (11.3.1968)

Nottingham Forest: Harold Alcock committee member, John Barnwell, Bobby McKinlay, guest Ted Moulton

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, Doug Fraser, John Osborne, guest Jeff Smith

Series 3 (9 January 1970 to 20 February 1970)

First Round

West Bromwich Albion 2 (Osborne 2) Crystal Palace 1 (Queen) (9.1.1970)

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, John Osborne, Ray Wilson, guest Jeff Smith

Crystal Palace: John Jackson, Gerry Queen, Alan Pinkney, guest Alfie Bass

Celtic 3 (Cairney 2, Craig) Sunderland 0 (16.1.1970)

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Sunderland: Len Ashurst, Mick McGiven, Richie Pitt, guest James Bolam

Rangers 1 (Smith) Heart of Midlothian 2 (Ford, Cruickshank) (23.1.1970)

Rangers: John Greig, Jim Baxter, Dave Smith, guest Bill Martin

Heart of Midlothian: Donald Ford, Alan Anderson, Jim Cruickshank, guest Eric Brown

Arsenal 3 (Montague 2, Wilson) Dundee 1 (Gilroy) (30.1.1970)

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Terry Neill, Bob Wilson, guest Lee Montague

Dundee: John Prentice manager, Doug Houston, Joe Gilroy, guest John Laurie

Semi-finals

West Bromwich Albion 1 (Ashman) Celtic 2 (Craig 2) (6.2.1970)

West Bromwich Albion: Alan Ashman manager, John Osborne, Ray Wilson, guest Jeff Smith

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Heart of Midlothian 3 (Cruickshank 3) Arsenal 2 (Montague, Neill) after extra time (13.2.1970)

Heart of Midlothian: Donald Ford, Alan Anderson, Jim Cruickshank, guest Eric Brown

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Terry Neill, Bob Wilson, guest Lee Montague

Quiz Ball Grand Final

Celtic 3 (Cairney, Craig, one other) Heart of Midlothian 1 (Brown) (20.2.1970)

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Heart of Midlothian: Donald Ford, Alan Anderson, Jim Cruickshank, guest Eric Brown

Series 4, Champions Quiz Ball (24 July 1970 to 4 September 1970)

Aberdeen: Scottish Cup winners

Arsenal: European Fairs Cup winners

Celtic: Scottish League champions and League Cup winners

Chelsea: FA Cup winners

Everton: First Division champions

Falkirk: Scottish 2nd Division champions

Huddersfield Town: 2nd Division champions

Manchester City: League Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup winners

First Round

Aberdeen 2 (Murray, Grieve) Arsenal 1 (Barnett) (24.7.1970)

Aberdeen: Martin Buchan, George Murray, Bobby Clark, guest John Grieve

Arsenal: Bertie Mee manager, Jon Sammels, Geoff Barnett, guest Lee Montague

Chelsea 0 Everton 1 (Stewart) (31.7.1970)

Chelsea: Charlie Cooke, John Hollins, David Webb, guest Lance Percival

Everton: Harry Catterick manager, Brian Labone, Joe Royle, guest Ed Stewart

Falkirk 1 (Ferguson) Huddersfield Town 0 (7.8.1970)

Falkirk: Alex Ferguson, Andy Roxburgh, Bobby Ford, guest Chic Murray

Huddersfield Town: Ian Greaves manager, Jimmy Nicholson, Terry Poole, guest Derek Ibbotson

Celtic 4 (Craig 3, McNeill) Manchester City 0 (14.8.1970)

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Manchester City: Joe Mercer manager, Francis Lee, Mike Summerbee, guest Kenny Lynch

Semi-finals

Falkirk 1 (Ferguson) Everton 2 (Labone 2) (21.8.1970)

Falkirk: Alex Ferguson, Andy Roxburgh, Bobby Ford, guest Chic Murray

Everton: Harry Catterick manager, Brian Labone, Joe Royle, guest Ed Stewart

Aberdeen 3 (Grieve, Buchan, Murray) Celtic 4 (Craig 4) after extra time (28.8.1970)

Aberdeen: Martin Buchan, George Murray, Bobby Clark, guest John Grieve

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Champions Quiz Ball Final

Celtic 7 (Cairney 2, Craig 5) Everton 5 (Labone 3, Stewart 2) (4.9.1970)

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

Everton: Harry Catterick manager, Brian Labone, Joe Royle, guest Ed Stewart

Winners Celtic went on to play England in a special challenge match

Celtic 6 England 7 (11.9.1970)

Celtic: Jim Craig, Billy McNeill, Willie Wallace, guest John Cairney

England: Gordon Banks, Bobby Charlton, Keith Newton, guest Henry Cooper.

Series 5 (24 November 1970 to 5 January 1971)

First Round

Derby County 3 Cowdenbeath 2 (24.11.1970)

Derby County: Alan Durban, Alan Hinton, Roy McFarland, guest Bob Arnold

Cowdenbeath: Billy Laing, Allan Wyllie, Tommy Millar, guest Ian Wallace

Tottenham Hotspur beat Nottingham Forest (no details available) (1.12.1970)

Tottenham Hotspur: Eddie Bailey assistant manager, Martin Peters, Phil Beal, guest Lord Willis

Nottingham Forest: Ian Storey-Moore, Alex Ingram, Dave Hilley, guest John Neville

Leeds United 5 Rangers 4 (8.12.1970)

Leeds United: Syd Owen coach, Rod Belfitt, Chris Galvin, guest Leonard Sachs

Rangers: Colin Stein, Willie Henderson, Dave Smith, guest Bill Martin

Blackpool 2 Crystal Palace 3 (15.12.1970)

Blackpool: Jimmy Meadows manager, Jimmy Armfield, Glynn James, guest Wilfred Pickles

Crystal Palace: Bert Head manager, John Jackson, Gerry Queen, guest Richard Wattis

Semi-finals

Derby County 3 Tottenham Hotspur 1 (22.12.1970)

Derby County: John O'Hare, Alan Durban, Roy McFarland, guest Bob Arnold

Tottenham Hotspur: Martin Peters, Phil Beal, Joe Kinnear, guest Peter Cook

Crystal Palace beat Leeds United after extra time (29.12.1970)

Crystal Palace: John Jackson, Gerry Queen, John Sewell, guest Richard Wattis

Leeds United: Syd Owen coach, Rod Belfitt, Chris Galvin, guest Leonard Sachs

Quiz Ball Final

Derby County 4 (Durban 2, Arnold, O'Hare) Crystal Palace 2 (Wattis 2) (5.1.1971)

Derby County: John O'Hare, Alan Durban, Roy McFarland, guest Bob Arnold

Crystal Palace: John Jackson, John McCormick, John Sewell, guest Richard Wattis

Series 6 (14 September 1971 to 26 October 1971)

First Round

Tottenham Hotspur 3 (Mullery 2, Willis) Leicester City 4 (Cross, Parsons, Sjoberg, Stringfellow) after extra time (14.9.1971)

Tottenham Hotspur: Alan Mullery, Martin Chivers, Joe Kinnear, guest Ted Willis
Leicester City: Graham Cross, John Sjoberg, Mike Stringfellow, guest Nicholas Parsons

Chelsea 1 (Lloyd) Colchester United 0 (21.9.1971)

Chelsea: Dave Sexton manager, John Boyle, Tommy Baldwin, guest Hugh Lloyd
Colchester United: Brian Gibbs, Michael Mahon, Graham Smith, guest Roy Kinnear

Blackpool 4 (Lynch 2, Doyle and one other) Partick Thistle 2 (McQuade, Sutherland) (28.9.1971)

Blackpool: Brian Doyle, Peter Suddaby, Mick Burns, guest Joe Lynch
Partick Thistle: Denis McQuade, Ian Reid, Donnie McKinnon, guest Iain Sutherland

Birmingham City 2 (Taylor 2) Dunfermline Athletic 3 (Cushley 2, Fraser) (5.10.1971)

Birmingham City: Roger Hynd, Gordon Taylor, Alan Campbell, guest Kenneth Griffith
Dunfermline Athletic: Alex Wright manager, John Cushley, Jim Fraser, guest Jimmy Logan

Semi-finals

Blackpool 3 (Suddaby, Lynch, Burns) Leicester City 4 (Stringfellow 3, Cross) (12.10.1971)

Blackpool: Brian Doyle, Peter Suddaby, Mick Burns, guest Joe Lynch
Leicester City: Graham Cross, John Sjoberg, Mike Stringfellow, guest Nicholas Parsons

Chelsea 3 (Lloyd, Sexton 2) Dunfermline Athletic 4 (Cushley 3, Fraser) (19.10.1971)

Chelsea: Dave Sexton manager, John Boyle, Tommy Baldwin, guest Hugh Lloyd
Dunfermline Athletic: Alex Wright manager, John Cushley, Jim Fraser, guest Jimmy Logan

Quiz Ball Final

Dunfermline Athletic 3 (Cushley 3) Leicester City 1 (Parsons) (26.10.1971)

Dunfermline Athletic: Alex Wright manager, John Cushley, Jim Fraser, guest Jon Pertwee
Leicester City: Graham Cross, John Sjoberg, Mike Stringfellow, guest Nicholas Parsons

Series 7 (11 January 1972 to 29 February 1972)

Home Internationals, Groups 1 & 2 (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)

Group 1

England 3 Scotland 4 (11.1.1972)

England: John Jackson, Johnny Haynes, Stan Mortensen and guest Warren Mitchell.

Scotland: Billy McNeill, Ian Ure, Bobby Clark, guest Bill Simpson.

Northern Ireland beat Wales (18.1.1972). N Ireland won

N Ireland: Alex Elder, Bryan Hamilton, Derek Dougan, guest Phil Coulter.

Wales: Alan Durban, Gary Sprake, Walley Barnes, guest Kenneth Griffith.

Group 1 play-off

Northern Ireland beat Scotland on a deciding question after a draw (25.1.1972)

Scotland: Billy McNeill, Ian Ure, Bobby Clark, guest Bill Simpson.

N Ireland: Alex Elder, Bryan Hamilton, Bertie Peacock, guest Phil Coulter.

Group 2

Wales beat England (1.2.1972)

England: Jack Charlton, Tom Finney, John Osborne, guest Arthur Lowe.

Wales: John Toshack, Terry Hennessey, Glyn James, guest Ivor Emmanuel.

Scotland beat Northern Ireland (15.2.1972)

Scotland: Colin Stein, Jim Craig, Jim Cruickshank and guest Jimmy Logan.

N Ireland: Dave Clements, Allan Hunter, Willie Cunningham and guest James Ellis.

Group 2 play-off

Scotland beat Wales (22.2.1972)

Scotland: John Cushley, Martin Buchan, Jim Cruickshank and guest Ian Wallace.

Wales: John Toshack, Terry Hennessey, Glyn James and guest David Lloyd Meredith.

Home Internationals Quiz Ball Final

Scotland 6 Northern Ireland 2 (29.2.1972)

Scotland: John Cushley (Dunfermline), Martin Buchan (Man Utd), Jim Craig (Celtic) and guest Ian Wallace.

N Ireland: Bertie Peacock (Coleraine), Bryan Hamilton (Ipswich), Alex Elder (Stoke City), guest Phil Coulter.

Prizes presented by Sir Stanley Rous

Challenge match (7.3.1972)

Quiz Ball Home International Champions (Scotland) v British Lions Rugby Team

Scotland: John Cushley, Martin Buchan, Jim Cruickshank and guest Ian Wallace.

British Lions: John Dawes (Wales), Mike Gibson (Ireland), John Taylor (Wales) and guest Hywel Bennett.

Series 8 (27 November 1972 to 18 December 1972)

Home International Series (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)

Four match series, each team played twice, with different team members each time.

Results not known but Northern Ireland won the series.

England v Scotland (27.11.1972)

England: Rodney Marsh (Manchester City), Alan Ball (Arsenal), Mike Summerbee (Manchester City) and guest actor Michael Crawford.

Scotland: John O'Hare (Derby County), Jim Cruickshank (Hearts), John Cushley (Dumbarton) and guest actor Gordon Jackson.

Northern Ireland v Wales (4.12.1972)

N Ireland: Bryan Hamilton (Ipswich), Willie Irvine (Brighton), Alex Elder (Stoke City) and guest actor James Ellis (Z Cars).

Wales: Gary Sprake (Leeds Utd), Alan Durban (Derby County), Graham Moore (Doncaster Rovers) and guest singer Ivor Emmanuel.

Wales v England (11.12.1972)

England: Brian Labone (Everton), Geoff Hurst (Stoke City), Malcolm Macdonald (Newcastle) and guest actor Julian Orchard.

Wales: Peter Rodrigues (Sheffield Wednesday), Tony Millington (Swansea City), Malcolm Page (Birmingham City) and guest actor Donald Houston.

Northern Ireland v Scotland (18.12.1972)

N Ireland: Terry Neill (Hull City), Dave Clements (Sheffield Wednesday), Iam McFaul (Newcastle Utd) and guest songwriter Phil Coulter.

Scotland: Ian Ure (St Mirren), Bobby Moncur (Newcastle Utd), Martin Buchan (Manchester Utd) and guest singer Ian Wallace.

Challenge match

Quiz Ball Home International Champions (Northern Ireland) v Olympic Medallists (23.12.1972)

Northern Ireland: (possibly) Terry Neill, Dave Clements, Iam McFaul and guest Phil Coulter.

Olympic Medallists: Mary Peters, Richard Meade, David Wilkie, Lynn Davies.

Dr Roger Bannister, Chairman of the Sports Council, presented the Quiz Ball Trophy to the winners.